catharsis

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PAT
YES?
Shion.

I need you.
Harvey needs my assistance with an urgent matter, but I'm too weak to help him right now.
B-BOSS!

BA-DUMP
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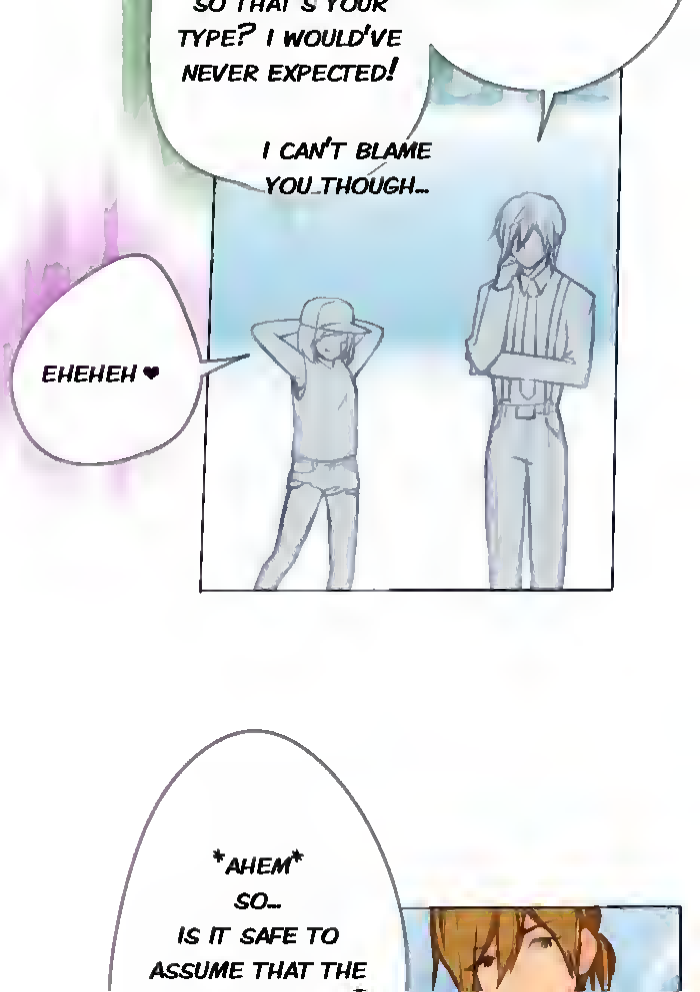
BOSS CALLED OUT TO ME!
BA-DUMP
I'm ashamed to push this responsibility onto another, but I don't want to risk anything for the sake of pride.
I trust that only your capabilities will benefit Harvey in my place, so that's why I turned to you for help.
BA-DUMP

A-AH!
BA-DUMP
Please, Shion.
You're the only one
who can do this.

BA-DUMP
FANGIRLING
--IS HOW IT ALL WENT.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
WAAH--!!


SO THAT'S YOUR TYPE? I WOULD'VE NEVER EXPECTED!
I CAN'T BLAME YOU THOUGH...
EHEHEH ❤
AHEM
SO...
IS IT SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE

CHAIR IS FOR ME?
OH-
YES.
IT'S JUST TO HELP YOU OUT FOR THE BEGINNING.
LET'S GET ON WITH THE EASY PART, SHALL WE?

SO, COME! SIT, SIT!
MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE! I WOULD'VE BROUGHT IN A SOFA, BUT THIS WAS THE CLOSEST THING I COULD FIND. AHAH.
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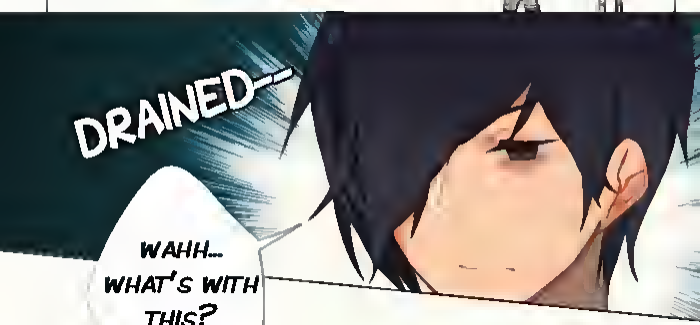

DRAINED—
WAHH... WHAT'S WITH THIS?

I DON'T MEAN TO COMPLAIN OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, BUT IS IT REALLY OK TO BE DOING

I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING EVEN MORE TIRED BY SITTING DOWN. HARVEY, IS THIS REALLY OK?

THIS RIGHT NOW, WHEN I'M LIKE THIS? I'M SO TIRED. MY BODY FEELS HEAVIER THAN IT WOULD IF I WERE FULLY RESTED.

I ONLY SAY THIS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO DRAG EVERYONE DOWN ESPECIALLY IN A DANGEROUS SITUATION LIKE THIS.

DON'T WORRY.

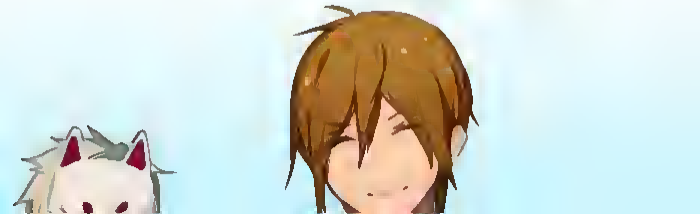
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THAT YOUR EXHAUSTION COULD REFLECT BACK ON YOUR TIMOREM, WHICH COULD BENEFIT US.

TO RUN IT DOWN. YOU'LL BE GOING IN AS YOURSELF.

IF YOU REMEMBER JULIAN'S CASE, HE (AND YOU) ENGAGED HIS FEAR BY ENTERING A VEIL ALREADY SET UP BY HIS TIMOREM.
BUT WITH YOUR CASE, WE'LL BE GOING THROUGH A DEEPER VEIL FROM YOUR PSYCHE, RATHER THAN GIVE YOUR TIMOREM THE FIRST MOVE. IT'S AN ADVANTAGE BY GETTING IT ON YOUR PLAYING FIELD.
SO, SIMILAR TO HOW WE

PERFORMED ON ANNA. I'LL BE PULLING YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS OUT WHILE YOUR PHYSICAL BODY IS GUARDED.
--BY ME, THAT IS!
WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT

THROUGH IT ALL. YOU WON'T BE ALONE.



Paris and I will be coming in with you to provide support (and we won't be hiding).
During your time facing your inner demons, you'll have the chance to manifest your fortitude.

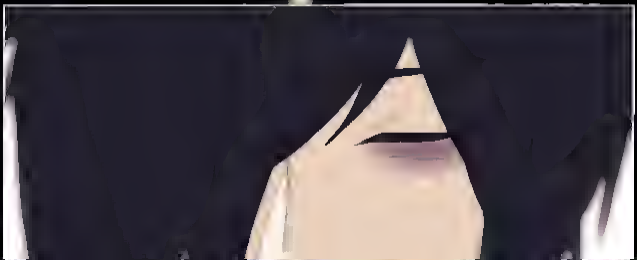
HARVESTING YOUR FORTITUDE MEANS CONQUERING YOUR FEAR.

THIS IS YOUR PRIORITY, AND YOUR MAIN GOAL.

THE EXPERIENCE IS DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE SINCE EVERYONE THINKS DIFFERENTLY.
TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA, IT MIGHT BENEFIT YOU BY GOING IN WITH THOUGHTS OF WHAT GIVE YOU STRENGTH, IN MIND.
OR YOU CAN THINK OF A

MEMORY THAT TRIGGERS ANY POWERFUL EMOTION THAT CAN OVERCOME FEAR: LIKE THE WANT TO PROTECT SOMETHING. SURVIVAL, OR EVEN LOVE.

WHAT MANIFESTS AS YOUR FORTITUDE WILL COME OUT INTO FORM NATURALLY. AT THE APEX OF YOUR REVELATION. CALL OUT IT.



SOMETHING I CAN DRAW STRENGTH FROM?
BY GIVING IT A NAME. YOU ENCHANT IT WITH A POWERFUL BOND THAT WILL ALLOW FREE ACCESS TO IT WHEN

YOU NEED TO SUMMON IT AGAIN.
...SO THAT'S THE MOST I CAN GO INTO EXPLANATION. THE REST HAS TO BE FIGURED OUT BY YOU.